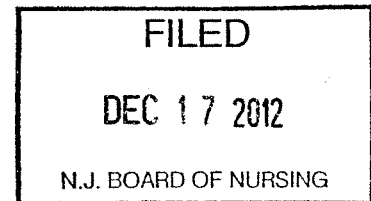


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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
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BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF :	Administrative Action
EDWIN RAMAS, L.P.N.	:
LICENSE # NP 05806800	:
TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE	:
STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing (" Board") upon receipt of respondent's request for reinstatement of his nursing license. Respondent had voluntarily surrendered his nursing license by means of an Interim Order

filed on November 18, 2008. Respondent was convicted of forgery and of obtaining a controlled dangerous substance by fraud in violation of N.J.S. 2C:21-1 and N.J.S. 2C:35-13, respectively, on November 14, 2008. Respondent was sentenced to 180 days of suspended confinement and to three years probation, and assessed a total of \$6,063.00.

The basis for respondent's voluntary surrender of license was related to alleged violations of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(i) and N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(m). The Board now finds that the conduct underlying respondent's conviction relates adversely to nursing within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f), subjecting respondent to sanctions for that violation.

Respondent enrolled in the Recovery and Monitoring Program of New Jersey (RAMP) on August 8, 2011. The Board has positive reports from RAMP, which supports his reinstatement, based upon significant recovery efforts over four years.

The Board finding that respondent has demonstrated that he is sufficiently rehabilitated to resume nursing practice, and having determined that reinstatement of respondent's license to practice nursing is appropriate, and that the within Order is sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, in lieu of further proceedings, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS on this 17th day of December , 2012

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED that:

1. Respondent's nursing license is hereby suspended for a period of one year, with credit for the period of time of respondent's voluntary surrender of his nursing license. Thus such suspension is deemed to have commenced on November 18, 2008, the date of the filing of respondent's voluntary surrender of his nursing license.

2. Respondent's petition for reinstatement of his license to practice nursing in New Jersey is granted upon review and approval of a completed application for reinstatement along with the requisite fees, information and the required Criminal History Background Check and continuing education.

3. Respondent shall refrain from the use of any and all potentially addictive substances except as prescribed by an authorized health care practitioner who is made aware of Respondent's substance abuse history. Respondent shall report any such use to RAMP in writing within five days of receiving such a prescription together with the name of the prescribing health care practitioner, the name of the drug, the quantity, frequency, expected length of use and reason for its use.

4. Respondent shall remain enrolled in, and remain compliant with, all of the terms and conditions of participation

in the RAMP program. Respondent shall cause RAMP to inform the Board in writing if respondent is non-compliant with, or is terminated from or resigns from further participation in the program together with the reason for and complete documentation of the non-compliance, termination and/or resignation.

Notification of the Board shall be within 24 hours of determination of non-compliance, termination or resignation, or as soon thereafter as is practicable. Respondent shall provide RAMP's Interim Director with a complete copy of the within Order.

5. Respondent shall provide a release to RAMP allowing RAMP to provide pertinent reports, records and other information pertaining to respondent to the Board. Respondent's signature on this order signifies respondent's waiver of any right to confidentiality with respect to these matters, and respondent's agreement that the Board may utilize any such reports, records and other information it receives from RAMP in any proceeding regarding respondent's licensure and that the Board may release any pertinent information in its possession to RAMP.

6. Respondent shall attend regular 12 step support group meetings or the equivalent, and nurse peer support group meetings, if required by RAMP. He shall attend individual counseling and psychiatric treatment until successful discharge, if required by RAMP. Respondent shall submit to random observed urine or hair testing if required by RAMP. Respondent's failure

to submit to or provide a urine sample when requested shall be deemed to be a violation of the terms of this Order.

7. Respondent shall work only in settings approved by RAMP, and shall have access to or responsibility for administering, dispensing or ordering potentially addictive substances in the course of her employment, only if approved by RAMP. He shall not work more than 12 hours (excluding any additional time needed to meet documentation requirements) within any 24 hour period nor more than 40 hours per week (excluding any additional time needed to meet documentation requirements), unless approved by RAMP.

8. Respondent shall provide to RAMP any and all reports required pursuant to his RAMP contract, including reports from his employer or self-assessment reports.

9. Respondent shall notify RAMP within 10 days of any change of address, or any termination, resignation or leave of absence from any place of nursing employment.

10. Respondent shall immediately upon employment inform each employer representative and nursing supervisor of the terms of this Order and provide them with a copy of the Order. Respondent shall ensure that each employer representative and nursing supervisor provides written notification on facility letterhead to RAMP acknowledging receipt of a copy of the within Order and its

terms.

11. Respondent shall remain in RAMP until successful completion of the program. Upon successful completion of RAMP, respondent shall notify the Board in writing. Upon receipt of written notification from the Board, respondent may then be released from the requirements of this Order by written notification, without further order of the Board. Unless respondent has successfully completed RAMP, and received written notification from the Board that he is released from the requirements of this Order, respondent may not modify the conditions of this order without submitting a written petition to the Board providing a detailed explanation of the basis for the modification request, and must then enter into a new, modified agreement with the Board in the event the Board grants respondent's petition for modification.

12. Any deviation from the terms of this Order without the prior written consent of the Board shall constitute a failure to comply with the terms of this Order. Upon receipt of any reliable information indicating that respondent has violated any term of this Order, respondent's license may be automatically suspended by the Board. Respondent, upon notice, may request a hearing to contest the entry of such an order. At any such hearing the sole issue shall be whether any of the information received regarding respondent was materially false. In addition, the Board reserves

the right to bring further disciplinary action.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Patricia Ann Murphy PhD APN
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Board President

I have read and understand
the within Consent Order
and agree to be bound by
its terms.

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